

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed within two months of the Final Office Action dated June 6, 2005. The Applicants thank the Examiner for his consideration of the Amendment dated March 2, 2005. The Applicants also thank the Examiner for accepting the formal drawings as filed on March 2, 2005.

Claims 1, 9, and 17 are amended to further clarify the claimed embodiments of the present invention. The amendments are supported by the specification. No new matter is added.

Claims 1-20 are pending after entry of the present Amendment.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Shrader et al. (hereinafter "Shrader"), U.S. Patent No. 6,473,894. Applicants respectfully traverse.

The claimed embodiments of the present invention provide an application launcher testing system to test application launchers. Among other features, as further clarified by the amended claims, embodiments of the present invention include a test monitor that determines if an application launcher has sent a correct query to an HTTP server.

In contrast, as previously discussed in the remarks section of the Amendment dated March 2, 2005, Shrader discloses a dynamic runtime and test architecture system for repeatedly testing JAVA applets in fresh native or non-native runtime environments; whereas, embodiments of the present invention provide the systems and methods to test an application launcher. Testing an application launcher for correctly querying a HTTP server for a test application is not the same as testing applets for operation in fresh native or non-

native runtime environments. For example, the test monitor of the claimed embodiments of the present invention receives query status from the HTTP server and test status from the status server, and determines if the correct query was sent from the application launcher to the HTTP server. On the other hand, the run/test program of Shrader only receives test input files and provides test output files. As identified by the Applicants in the remarks section of the Amendment dated March 2, 2005, herein incorporated by reference, the test output files are used by the system developers and testers. Although, the test output files are used in the process of testing the applets by the system developers and testers, they are not used by the run/test program. That is, the test monitor of the present invention receives query status and test status and determines if the correct query was sent from the application launcher to the HTTP server. The run/test program of Shrader is not able to make such a determination.

The run/test program of Shrader does not include the ability of determining if a correct query was sent from an application launcher to a HTTP server. As disclosed in Shrader, the run/test program is only involved in the process of testing applets. Shrader does not discuss testing application launchers, and there is no teaching or suggestion that the run/test program is used for testing application launchers. Moreover, there is no teaching or suggestion that the run/test program includes the ability of determining if a correct query was sent from an application launcher to a HTTP server.

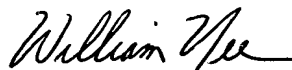
In addition, the test output files are used for testing applets. The test output files are not used for testing application launchers. For sake of brevity, instead of repeating the previous discussion, the Applicants kindly request the Examiner to review the remarks section of the Amendment dated March 2, 2005, for a detail discussion of the run/test program, log file, test output file, and marker file in light of the amended claims that further clarified the embodiments of the present invention.

Since the dynamic runtime and test architecture for Java applets of Shrader fails to disclose a test monitor that is capable of determining if a correct query was sent from an application launcher to a HTTP server, Shrader has failed to disclose each and every limitation of the claimed embodiments of the present invention. Accordingly, Shrader fails to anticipate the embodiments of the present invention. Thus, embodiments of the present invention are patentable over Shrader.

Accordingly, after entry of the present Amendment, the application is now in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present Amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6911. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this Amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP019). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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